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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE DELIVERY TO
SYRIA DELIVERED

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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Alice G. Wells For Reasons
1.4 (b) and (d).

(S) On May 27 we delivered reftel demarche to MFA DVBR Third Secretary Alexey Chumichev who said the GOR does not sell MANPADS (versus vehicle-mounted systems) to Syria. He argued that the GOR adheres to all international agreements to which it is a party. He added that, if Russia were to sell MANPADS to Syria, the GOR would inform us. In a separate meeting on May 28, MFA Middle East Deputy Director Oleg Ozerov undertook to clarify whether a sale was pending.

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